

SANSKRIT WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2016-17: A REPORT

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The following programs were conducted in connection with Sanskrit Week

- A National Seminar : Relevance of Sanskrit Sastras
- Kavita Goshti
- Literary and Cultural Competitions for students of the Vidyapeetha
- Sastratha Sabha
- Rasa Sandhya
- Competitions for students of other Institutions

NATIONAL SEMINAR

A National Seminar was organized on 17th August 2017, in connection with the Sanskrit Week Celebration. The topic of the Seminar was “**RELEVANCE OF SANSKRIT SASTRAS IN THE CURRENT SOCIETY**”. Almost 30 faculty members participated in the seminar and presented their views of how ancient Sastras like Vyakarana, Jyotisa, Mimamsa, Nyaya, Vedanta etc can be relevant in the current scenario. A total of four sessions were conducted and the participants had ample time in putting forth their ideas.

KAVITA GOSTHI

Staff and students of the Vidyapeetha assembled in the Ramaranjan Mukherjee Auditorium on 18th August 2017 for the Kavita Gosthi. More than 20 participants took part in this event. They enthralled the audience with their poetry.

COMPETITIONS FOR VIDYAPEETHA STUDENTS

In connection with the Sanskrit Week Celebrations, Elocution and Singing competitions were organized on 19th August 2017. Students from all levels, i.e. from Prak-Sastri level to Vidyavaridhi level, took part in these competitions with great enthusiasm.

VAKYARTHA SABHA

A traditional Vakyartha Sabha was organized in connection with the Sanskrit Week Celebrations on 20th August. The motive behind organizing this Vakyartha Sabha was to orient the Sanskrit students of the Vidyapeetha about the traditional method of argument. The following faculty members spoke on the following topics:

Prof Rani Sadasiva Murthy	-	Sahitya
Dr Muralidhara Rao	-	Nyaya
Dr T.S.R.Narayana	-	Mimamsa
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COMPETITIONS FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE VIDYAPEETHA

Sloka-Recitation competition was held for students hailing from various institutions in Tirupati on 21st August 2017. The competition was divided into 5 levels and topics were given accordingly. The levels and topics are as follows:

LEVEL	TOPIC
• LKG to 4 th Class	Madhurastakam
• Classes 5-7	Samkshepa Ramamyana (1 to 20 slokas)
• Classes 8-10	Samkshepa Ramamyana (1 to 30 slokas)
• Intermediate Students	NITI slokas from Intermediate Textbook 1 to 20
• Degree Students	Ramayana slokas from Degree Textbook 1 to 25

It was an over whelming response from the students coming from different institutions in the temple city. Over 200 students from about 20 institutions participated in the above competition.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

The Valedictory function of the Sanskrit Week was conducted on 22nd August 2017. The Co-ordinator, Dr. C.Ranganathan and Addl Co-ordinators Dr Bharat Bhushan Rath and Dr O.G.P.Kalyana Sastry gave a brief report on the various programs organized in connection with the Sanskrit Week. Eminent Sanskrit scholar, Dr Ranganathan was invited as the Chief Guest. Prof MLN Murthy, Vice Chancellor i/c presided over the occasion. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions conducted.

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